

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Subject: Proposed Rules Relating to Family Child Care Home Certification
and Group Family Child Care Home Licensing**

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

6:00-8:00 PM

DaVinci Center

470 Charles Street, Providence, RI

The Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) will hold a Public Hearing to discuss proposed amendments to **Family Child Care Home Regulations for Certification**, formerly entitled Family Day Care Home Regulations, and **Group Family Child Care Home Regulations for Licensure**, formerly entitled Family Group Day Care Home Regulations. These amendments require a high school diploma or GED for all new Family Child Care Home providers, orientation for new providers, additional ongoing training and CPR and First Aid certification for providers and assistants, nationwide (fingerprinting) and statewide criminal records checks and medical references for all providers and assistants, including emergency assistants and compliance with DOH regulations relating to lead and radon safety.

The proposed regulations, in English and Spanish, are accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or available in hard copy upon request (401 528-3621). Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the Hearing or by submitting written testimony by Friday, February 2, 2007 to Dorothy Hultine, Chief of Practice Standards, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903.

This hearing is held and the regulations are processed in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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